



# Soil Evolution 2026 – Terms of Participation

## 1. Organizer

The event is organized by the association **SoilEvolution 2026**, c/o Swiss NO-TILL, Business Office, Oberdorf 7, CH-2514 Ligerz Phone: +41 79 744 79 82 | Email: mail@andreas-wyss.ch

## 2. Contractual Basis

The Swiss association SoilEvolution 2026 is the contractual partner of the exhibitors. The contract consists of the exhibition registration form and these Terms of Participation. General Terms and Conditions or Terms from exhibitors are expressly excluded. By submitting the registration form, exhibitors legally acknowledge these terms. They must share the contract details with their staff and service providers. Additional important information or service terms provided to exhibitors are also part of the contract. Any further agreement must be made in writing.

If exhibitors violate contract terms, SoilEvolution 2026 may take appropriate measures, including immediate exclusion from the event.

## 3. Data Processing

By submitting the form, exhibitors consent to the collection, processing, and storage of their data for SoilEvolution 2026. Data may be shared with subcontractors (e.g. co-organizers, marketing agencies, tent/exhibition builders) under contract, who must not pass data further. Exhibitors may revoke consent at any time.

## 4. Location, Duration, Opening Hours

“Soil Evolution 2026” takes place June 2–5, 2026 at the festival grounds on the Gurten in Bern, Switzerland.

Exhibitor hours: 07:00 – 20:00, Visitor hours: 09:00 – 18:00.

Evening events are scheduled on June 2 and 3, 2026.

## 5. Exhibitor Registration and Deadlines

Submission of the completed registration form constitutes an application for participation and a binding request for stand space. Available spaces are limited.

**Deadline for booking stands or outdoor spaces is November 1, 2025.** Requests after that may only be accepted if space remains.

## 6. Approval and Contract Conclusion

Contract becomes binding upon confirmation of participation by SoilEvolution 2026. Stand assignments for exhibitors booking spaces will be issued by May 20, 2026.

## 7. Exhibition Pricing and Stand Sizes

The following conditions apply:

- **Open spaces in the outdoor area** are offered in units of 400 m<sup>2</sup> at CHF 1,500. This is also the minimum size. Additional units of 400 m<sup>2</sup> each cost CHF 1,500. The dimensions of the 400 m<sup>2</sup> units are usually 20×20m. A maximum of four open spaces may be booked per exhibitor.
- **Stand space without demonstration plots in the outdoor area** is offered in units of 100 m<sup>2</sup> at a price of CHF 800 per m<sup>2</sup>. The dimensions of the 100 m<sup>2</sup> units are usually 10×10 m. A maximum of three stand spaces may be booked per exhibitor.
- **Presence with beach flags, advertising banners**, etc. It is possible to be present on the exhibition grounds as a company at a price of CHF 250 using the options specified in advance.
- The registration fee is 100 Swiss francs and will be charged to all exhibitors in addition to the stand space.

All prices quoted are exclusive of VAT. Prices do not include any structures.

The SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION reserves the right to change the location and dimensions of the stand space if required by safety regulations or official requirements. Allocation will be based on the date of registration.

## 8. Payment Terms

Unless otherwise stated on the invoice, invoices are payable within 14 days without discount. All payments must be made to the organizer in CHF, quoting the invoice number. Entitlement to the allocated space shall only arise after full payment of the invoice. Upon request by VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026, the exhibitor must provide appropriate proof of this.

In the event of late payment, a late payment surcharge of 4% of the invoice amount shall be payable for each month incurred. If the exhibitor has not paid their exhibitor fee by May 20, 2026, the organizer may exclude them from participating in the exhibition. The claim for payment of the stand rental fee shall nevertheless remain valid.

## 9. Cancellation and Fees

If exhibitors cancel their stand space after signing the contract, the following cancellation fees apply:

Space without demonstration plots, stand space, open space:

- 25% of the agreed exhibition price for cancellations up to May 15, 2026.
- From May 16, 2026, the exhibition fee will be charged in full. The exhibitors reserve the right to prove that the SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION has saved expenses.

## **10. Stand Facilities**

By November 2025, exhibitors receive detail plans of stand locations. Organizer does **not** supply stand structures or tents.

## **11. Exhibitor Passes**

The exhibitor will receive one free ticket per stand space, three for 400 m<sup>2</sup>, and one for 100 m<sup>2</sup>. These tickets can be used for setting up and dismantling stands, as well as during the event.

Additional tickets are available at <https://soilevolution.com/>.

## **12. Setup and Dismantling**

Set-up work on the outdoor stands and in the tent may be carried out from June 1, 2026.

Dismantling must take place on June 5, 2026; vehicles may only enter the premises from 8:00 a.m.

## **13. Deliveries**

For deliveries, please refer to the official Gurtenfestival document, which we will provide.

The delivery of brochures or similar materials is only possible from May 20, 2026. This delivery must be reported to the event management, as storage capacity is very limited and cannot be guaranteed. If no representative of the exhibitor is present on site, the event management may accept the goods. However, it is not obliged to check them for defects, completeness, or correctness. It is not liable for delivered or stored items.

## **14. Stand Inventory**

Exhibitors are required to list all exhibition items and services offered in full on the registration form. No offers or products other than those registered may be exhibited. If exhibitors display items at the event that have not been registered, VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026 is entitled to remove them and retain them until the end of the event.

The SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION will provide power connections. These power connections must be ordered separately using the registration form. These forms/orders must be submitted to the SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION by **May 1, 2026**, or indicated on the registration form.

The organizer is not liable for any loss or damage caused by disruptions in the power supply.

## **15. Food & Beverage**

Only licensed caterers may sell refreshments.

## **16. Demo Plots**

Due to the location (Gurten), no demonstration areas can be set up at Soilevolution 2026.

## **17. No-Till Machine Demonstrations**

In consultation with the agricultural business on the Gurten. Information will follow separately.

## **18. Waste & Cleaning**

Exhibitors are encouraged to produce as little waste as possible and to use reusable and environmentally friendly materials.

The SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION will only keep the general areas and paths clean. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their own stands and disposing of their own waste. Waste disposal facilities are located in a central location on the premises.

## **19. Safety**

Exhibitors are required to install protective devices on exhibits that comply with occupational safety requirements. Escape routes must be kept clear during setup, dismantling, and the event itself. The instructions of VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026 must be followed at all times. VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026 is entitled to remove any objects, machines, or equipment that pose a safety hazard from the stand area.

For safety reasons, the practical use of machines and equipment is only permitted within the scope of the planned field demonstration.

## **20. Venue Rules**

- The exhibition grounds may only be entered with a valid ticket during the specified opening hours. Children under the age of 15 may only enter the grounds when accompanied by an adult. Animals are not permitted.
- The display and distribution of advertising material outside your own stand area is prohibited.
- The direct sale of products is generally prohibited.
- The unauthorized use or parking of motor vehicles on the premises is not permitted. In case of violation, vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense. Anyone who disrupts the event and its proceedings may be excluded from VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026.
- Image and sound recordings of other exhibition stands or exhibits require the express permission of the exhibitors. Productions created for commercial purposes must be applied for and approved in advance by VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026.
- In the event of violations of the house rules, the exhibitors reserve the right to expel persons from the premises or exclude them from the event.
- The organizers reserve the right to exercise their domiciliary rights and to refuse admission to or exclude from the event any persons who make racist, nationalistic, anti-Semitic, or other inhuman statements.

## **21. Force Majeure**

The organizer is entitled to postpone, shorten, close, or cancel the event in whole or in part due to force majeure or other reasons beyond its control, such as pandemics and epidemics, without the exhibitors being entitled to withdraw their registration or make claims for compensation. The organizer reserves the right to retain 10% of the costs for open space or stand rentals. Claims for damages by exhibitors are excluded.

## **22. Variations, Claims, Written Form**

All requests made by exhibitors are subject to availability. The SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION reserves the right to cancel the event for important reasons, or to change the location, venue, or time. If circumstances so require, VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026 is entitled to relocate exhibition stands or change their dimensions. This does not entitle exhibitors to withdraw from the rental agreement or derive any other claims from it.

Agreements that deviate from the conditions of participation must be made in writing. Swiss law applies exclusively.

### **23. Liability & Insurance**

The SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION shall only be liable in cases of gross negligence or intent. Otherwise, the SOILEVOLUTION 2026 ASSOCIATION shall not be liable.

Exhibitors are liable for damage caused by themselves, their employees, agents, or exhibition items. General security of the premises will be provided by VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026. Exhibitors are responsible for the security of their stands and exhibits.

### **24. Jurisdiction**

The place of jurisdiction is Bern. However, VEREIN SOILEVOLUTION 2026 reserves the right to assert claims before the court at which the exhibitors have their registered office.

### **25. Severability Clause**

Should individual provisions of these conditions of participation or parts thereof be or become invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. In this case, the parties undertake to agree on other provisions in place of the invalid provisions that come as close as possible to the legal and economic content of the invalid provisions. Amendments, additions, and deviations must be made in writing. Swiss law applies exclusively. The place of jurisdiction is Bern. However, the organizer reserves the right to assert its claims before the court of the place where the exhibitor has its registered office. The law of the Swiss Confederation applies.

Bern, July 30, 2025

SoilEvolution 2026 Association